

Town Farm Task Force Fact Sheet

Strategic Planning Retreat Session June 18, 2015

- The Town Farm Task Force is charged with studying potential uses and opportunities for the Town Farm property, located at 35 Town Farm Road. The Task Force's primary goal will be to evaluate the potential options for the site and to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen including things such as renovation costs, lease potential, razing of structures or other options that would benefit our community.
- The total site (two parcels) as shown on reverse page is approximately 6.5 acres containing 5 structures.
- The Town Farm property was acquired by the town in 1824 from John Read and was used to establish the Town Poor Farm. The property was listed on the National Register in 2008. The Town Farm is currently used by the Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Department staff. There are also Westford Partnership for Children (WPC) employees that work out of this building. All of the offices are located on the first floor in the original building and in the small addition that replaced the rear porch. The older additions to the building are used primarily for storage. The second floor of the building is used for activities and storage and the third floor attic is not currently used. There is a small function room that is attached to the North side of the addition that is used for community activities and recreation programs.
- The 2014 facility study identified more than \$5M in needed repairs in the three structures pictured on this page.

1. Town Farm Building: built in 1837, addition of el and porch in 1900, rear porch added in 1970



2. School Storage Barn: currently vacant, with garage underneath that is currently used by the Recreation Department for storage



3. Fire Storage Barn: used for storage of reserve equipment



4. Fire Training Tower: used for training including live-fire training (see aerial photo on reverse)

5. Rogers Fire Station: built in 2000 (see aerial photo on reverse)



Above: April 21, 2014 aerial photograph of Town Farm property (approximate parcel lines shown in black)

Right: Historic photograph by Quincy Day showing Town Farm building and original barn structure

